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As part of the efforts to rationalize the work of the Governing Council, the list of pre-session documents being submitted to the Council at its thirty-eighth session is set out in the annex to this annotated provisional agenda.

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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda
(Documents DP/1991/L.4, DP/1991/BFC/L.1, DP/1991/SCPM/L.1, DP/1991/8 and DP/1991/9)

At its organizational meeting for 1991, the Governing Council approved, by decision 91/1 of 22 February 1991, the provisional agenda and the tentative schedule of work for its thirty-eighth session. By the same decision, the Council allocated a number of items for consideration by its Standing Committee for Programme Matters and items for consideration by its Budgetary and Finance Committee. Furthermore, the Council reaffirmed the principles which have so far guided the work of its sessional Drafting Group. Decisions adopted by the organizational meeting are contained in document DP/1991/56.

The provisional agenda and organization of work of the thirty-eighth session are contained in document DP/1991/L.7. The Budgetary and Finance Committee as well as the Standing Committee for Programme Matters have their provisional agenda and organization of work in separate documents (DP/1991/BFC/L.1 and DP/1991/SCPM/L.1). A note by the secretariat on the status of pre-session documents will be issued (DP/1991/9).

2. Annual report of the Administrator for 1990 and programme-level activities

This item will provide the opportunity for an overall review of major policy issues as well as for high-level attendance. The Governing Council will have before it reports on the following subjects:

Annual report of the Administrator for 1990
(Documents DP/1991/10 and Add.1-4)

The annual report of the Administrator for 1990 consists of a policy report (DP/1991/10), a programme record (DP/1991/10/Add.1) and project statistics (DP/1991/10/Add.2, Parts I and II). Information is also provided concerning sub-contracts awarded (DP/1991/10/Add.3) and equipment ordered (DP/1991/10/Add.4).

The annual report in its entirety provides a comprehensive overview of the activities of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) during the past year. The policy report indicates significant highlights of 1990 and contains a forward-looking, overall policy statement by the Administrator. The programme record contains data relating to programme resources and expenditure, as well as reports of management developments and trends in the regional bureaux, the UNDP-administered funds and other parts of the organization.

Human development
(Document DP/1991/11)

In response to its decision 90/13, the Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator informing the Council of the outcome of the consultations held so that specific human development concerns and priorities of developing countries can be identified and taken into account in the context of future work in the area of human development.

Management Development Programme
(Document DP/1991/12)

The Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on the Management Development Programme (MDP) covering its activities during its first two years of operation. The report contains recommendations for the programme with regard to policy and operational matters, taking into account the evaluation carried out in November and December 1990. The evaluation was undertaken in accordance with decision 89/39, inter alia to see whether optimum use is being made of the capacity of the United Nations agencies and whether a more focused approach would be appropriate.

Technical cooperation among developing countries
(Document DP/1990/77)

In its decision 90/43, the Governing Council took note of the report (DP/1990/77) of the meeting of the Group of Governmental Experts on the rules, regulations and procedures of the organizations of the United Nations development system concerning technical cooperation among developing countries (New York, 9-20 April 1990).

The Governing Council also decided to review that report at its thirty-eighth session in the light of the views of the organizations of the United Nations development system and of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries on the findings and recommendations of the report.

Non-governmental and grass-roots organizations
(Document DP/1991/13)

In response to Governing Council decision 90/18, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on UNDP cooperation with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and grass-roots organizations. In accordance with that decision, UNDP has continued to provide small-grant support for activities by NGOs and grass-roots organizations aimed at poverty alleviation and preservation of the environment, under such projects as the Grass-roots Initiatives Support Funds, the Partners in Development Programme, the Africa 2000 Network and the National United Nations Conference on Environment and Development NGO Project. It has also facilitated cooperation among Governments, NGOs and UNDP through a regional project in Africa, a regional workshop in Asia and other activities at the national level.

Women in development
(Document DP/1991/14)

The Governing Council in its decision 90/19 requested the Administrator to report on a triennial basis, beginning at the fortieth session (1993), on progress made from the 1990 baseline in implementing the women-in-development mandate. It also requested the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-eighth session on procedures adopted for and progress made in addressing women-in-development issues in the preparations for the fifth programming cycle. In addition, by its decision 90/34, the Council identified women in development as one of the six areas for UNDP to focus on in building and strengthening national capacity in the context of human development. Accordingly, the Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on progress made in response to these decisions.

Role of UNDP in combating HIV and AIDS
(Documents DP/1991/15 and DP/1991/57)

In response to Governing Council decisions 90/9 and 90/25 on the role of UNDP in combating the human immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV) and the disease known as acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), the Council will receive a report on the implementation of these decisions. The report will contain information on the HIV/AIDS pandemic and its implications for development, highlighting the ongoing and planned activities of UNDP in health and development-related sectors, with particular emphasis on capacity-building to strengthen the response of UNDP and Governments to the pandemic.

The Governing Council will also have before it a policy framework for UNDP's response to HIV/AIDS in which UNDP seeks to consolidate its reponsibilities with respect to this pandemic within its area of competence and comparative expertise.

Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution S-18/3)

In his introduction to item 2, the Administrator will comment on Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/54 on the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries. In that resolution, the Council recommended that the governing bodies of the organs and organizations of the United Nations system include in their agenda the question of the implementation of the Declaration and invited them to report to the Council, at its second regular session of 1991, on steps taken by them and by Governments within their respective spheres of competence, with a view to ensuring the implementation of the Declaration. The General Assembly, in its resolution 45/234, requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to it, at its forty-sixth session, on the implementation by Governments and organizations of the United Nations system of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration.

3. Special programmes of assistance

Under this item the Governing Council will have before it reports as set out below under three sub-items. In addition, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on the work of the Gulf Task Force set up by UNDP (DP/1991/60).

(a) Africa-related matters

Under this sub-item the Governing Council will have before it reports on the following subjects:

Namibia
(Document DP/1991/L.5)

At its special session from 20 to 22 February 1991, the Governing Council began consideration of a draft decision concerning Namibia, which was submitted by Zaire on behalf of the African States members of the Council (DP/1991/L.5). Since the consideration of the item was not completed, the Bureau of the Governing Council has recommended that it be taken up under this sub-item.

Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990
(Document DP/1991/16)

In response to Governing Council decision 90/29, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator providing information requested on the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development (UNPAAERD). The comprehensive report describes UNDP's support in setting up consultative mechanisms under the action programme, enhancing regional and country programmes in Africa, as well as significant initiatives undertaken in the course of UNPAAERD to address issues of major concern to African countries. It also outlines UNDP's participation in the overall review of UNPAAERD and possible successor arrangements under the auspices of the Secretary-General.

Evaluations of the Social Dimensions of Adjustment, national technical cooperation assessments and programmes, and UNDP assistance to intergovernmental organizations in Africa
(Document DP/1991/17)

The main findings of the three evaluations requested in paragraph 12 of Governing Council decision 89/31 and paragraph 2 of decision 90/29 are presented in the report of the Administrator (DP/1991/17). The evaluations undertaken relate to the Social Dimensions of Adjustment (SDA) project, the National Technical Cooperation Assessment and Programmes (NATCAPs) and UNDP assistance to intergovernmental organizations in Africa.

Transport and Communications Decade in Africa
(Document DP/1991/18)

In response to Governing Council decision 90/30, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator reviewing the contribution of UNDP to the First United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (1978-1988) and the different components of its planned contribution to the preparations for the Second Decade (1991-2000), including resource mobilization, implementation of projects and coordination of the programme for the Second Decade.

(b) Least developed countries
(Documents DP/1991/19 and DP/1991/61)

In response to Governing Council decision 90/51, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator containing information on aid coordination in the least developed countries, the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries, and the role of UNDP in the follow-up and implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s.

The Council will also have before it a note by the Administrator (DP/1991/61) presenting the evaluation requested in paragraph 6 of decision 90/51, and undertaken through the Central Evaluation Office, of the contribution of UNDP to strengthening the capacity of least developed countries to coordinate their external assistance.

(c) Refugees, displaced persons and returnees
(Document DP/1991/20)

In response to its decision 90/22, the Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on the implementation of that decision concerning refugees, displaced persons and returnees. The report contains information on the support provided by UNDP through programme and project formulation and resource mobilization to Governments in Africa, the Arab States, Asia and Central America to strengthen their capacity to cope with the burden of hosting large numbers of uprooted people. The report also covers proposed arrangements for UNDP's response to emergency humanitarian situations involving refugees, displaced persons and returnees.

Attention is drawn to the report prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "The co-ordination of activities related to early warning of possible refugee flows" (JIU/REP/90/2) (A/45/649 and Corr.1 and Add.1) and to the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon (A/46/134).

4. Programme implementation

(a) Implementation of selected country programmes
(Document DP/1991/21)

By its decision 81/15, the Governing Council invited the regional bureaux of UNDP to prepare annual progress reports on programme implementation in each

region, highlighting significant developments in selected individual programmes. The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator describing some of the most important aspects of progress in implementing UNDP programmes of technical cooperation in the various regions.

(b) Evaluation
(Document DP/1991/22)

In response to Governing Council decision 83/12, the Council will have before it the eighth regular report of the Administrator on evaluation. The report reflects the continuing shift of the work of the Central Evaluation Office in the past few years from system development to programme analysis. In section II, it summarizes the major evaluation work carried out and brings certain issues to the attention of the Governing Council based on the lessons of the evaluations, in particular those of Social Dimensions of Adjustment, aid coordination capacity and National Technical Cooperation Assessment and Programmes (NATCAPs). Section III contains a discussion of the feedback of evaluation results into the work of UNDP; section IV records what has been done to promote national monitoring and evaluation systems; section V covers collaboration with other institutions, Governments and the executing agencies; and section VI lays out the evaluation work planned for 1991.

(c) National execution
(Document DP/1991/23)

In accordance with Governing Council decision 90/21, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator containing UNDP's proposals for structured and progressive development of the national execution modality, fully recognizing country specificity and involvement of the United Nations system. The report will reiterate the evolutionary nature of the operational policy for national execution and the need for review of the development management infrastructure at country level in order to facilitate the significant launching of the modality and the removal of constraints that encumber the growth of the modality. The report will also deal with issues of accountability, programme management and active involvement of United Nations agencies consistent with the provisions of the new framework for successor arrangements to agency support costs.

5. Programme planning

(a) Country and intercountry programmes and projects

Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council stipulates that meetings or portions thereof at which proposed country and intercountry programmes and projects are considered shall normally be held in private, unless otherwise decided by the Governing Council. This rule notwithstanding, the Council has decided at each session since its twenty-fourth session (1977) to suspend this rule and to consider country programmes in open meetings, on the understanding that at any time a member of the Council may request that rule 4 be applied. The Council may therefore wish to decide whether to proceed in accordance with this practice.

The country programmes for Bangladesh, Cape Verde, China, Cuba, Indonesia and Tunisia are being submitted for consideration and approval by the Governing Council. In addition, the Council will have before it extensions of the country programmes for Argentina, Mongolia, Nepal, the Philippines, Uruguay and Venezuela. One global project is submitted to the Council for its consideration and approval: Global Research Programme to Develop Sustainable Rice Production Systems that Minimize the Need for Pesticides, Herbicides and Synthetic Nitrogen Fertilizers.

The Council will also have before it a note by the Administrator detailing the fourth cycle indicative planning figure (IPF) calculation for Cambodia, which has been determined in accordance with previous decisions.

Documents prepared for this sub-item are listed in the annex.

(b) Preparations for the fifth programming cycle, including funding strategy

Under this sub-item the Governing Council will have before it reports on the following subjects:

Preparations for the fifth programming cycle
(Document DP/1991/24)

In response to Governing Council decision 90/34, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on the preparations for the fifth programming cycle. The report includes the net contributor issue in response to paragraph 34 of that decision, planning for the sixth programming cycle in response to paragraph 35 and, in response to paragraph 39, issues concerning the feasibility of introduction of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) as the unit of account.

In response to paragraph 9 of Governing Council decision 91/3 concerning Special Programme Resources, the Council will be provided with an oral report.

Support to the funding strategy for the United Nations Development Programme
(Document DP/1991/59)

In response to Governing Council decision 90/14, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on progress in the various components supporting the funding strategy: more effective projection of a sharper image of UNDP; building on UNDP's comparative advantage; enhancement of national capacity; coordination of programming and funding; and improvement of programme quality and effectiveness.

(c) Support costs: successor arrangements

Under this sub-item the Governing Council will have before it reports on the following subjects:

Support costs: successor arrangements
(Document DP/1991/25)

In response to Governing Council decision 90/26 on agency support costs, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator.

Sectoral support
(Document DP/1991/27)

In response to Governing Council decisions 90/24 and 90/34, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator addressing two issues concerning the sectoral support programme. The first issue is the distribution of sectoral support programme funds amounting to $30 million, allocated for the fifth programming cycle, between the programme of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization Country Directors and the sectoral support programme of the smaller agencies. The second issue is the complementarity of the sectoral support programme with the new support cost arrangements. The report also contains the findings of the review of the sectoral support programme carried out by the Administrator.

6. United Nations Population Fund

(a) Annual report of the Executive Director for 1990 and programme-level activities

Under this sub-item the Governing Council will have before it the annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), which describes Fund activities during the year 1990 (DP/1991/28, Parts I-III).

Also under this sub-item, the Executive Director will submit six reports in accordance with previous Governing Council decisions and in order to provide the information the Council needs to discuss, provide guidance on and approve the future work of UNFPA:

(i) Work plan for 1992-1995 and request for approval authority (DP/1991/30).

(ii) Status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved UNFPA programmes and projects (DP/1991/31).

(iii) In response to section A, paragraph 11, of its decision 89/46, the Governing Council will have before it a status report on the final two years of implementation of the strategy to strengthen the capacity of the Fund to deal with issues concerning women, population and development (DP/1991/32).

(iv) In response to section A, paragraph 9, of its decision 89/46, the Governing Council will have before it a status report on the implementation of the strategy for UNFPA assistance to sub-Saharan Africa (DP/1991/33).

(v) In response to section A, paragraph 22, of its decision 89/46, the Governing Council will have before it a report detailing the Fund's current expenditures for contraceptives, its estimate of the contraceptive requirements of developing countries concerned during the remainder of the 1990s, and the specific plans of UNFPA to take appropriate account of the increasing demands for contraceptive commodities, including the resources required and the implications for other programmes (DP/1991/34).

(vi) In response to paragraph 2 of its decision 90/26 on agency support costs, the Governing Council will have before it a detailed proposal on support cost arrangements for UNFPA, taking into account, where appropriate, the specific circumstances of the Fund and the principles and objectives stated in paragraph 1 of decision 90/26 (DP/1991/35).

(b) Country and intercountry programmes

In accordance with a decision adopted by the Governing Council at its sixteenth session (1973), the Executive Director is submitting for Council consideration and approval summaries of the following 15 country programmes of $1 million or more:

Africa: Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Congo, Mauritania and Niger.

Asia: Bangladesh, India and Malaysia.

Latin America and the Caribbean: Bolivia, Dominican Republic, English-speaking Caribbean islands and Honduras.

Arab States and Europe: Albania, Morocco and Tunisia.

Documents prepared are listed in the annex.

Under this sub-item the Governing Council will also have before it a report of the Executive Director on the proposed UNFPA intercountry programme, 1992-1995. Document DP/1991/29 contains the policy part and DP/1991/29/Add.1 contains the support material in five parts: Part I: Interregional programme; Part II: Regional programme for sub-Saharan Africa; Part III: Regional programme for Arab States and Europe; Part IV: Regional programme for Asia and the Pacific; and Part V: Regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean.

(c) Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

Under this sub-item the Governing Council and its Budgetary and Finance Committee will have before them for consideration several documents dealing with financial, budgetary, administrative and personnel matters of UNFPA:

Biennial budget estimates for administrative and programme support services for the 1992-1993 biennium and revised budget estimates for the 1990-1991 biennium (DP/1991/36 and Add.1)

Report of the Executive Director on UNFPA publications (DP/1991/37)

Annual financial review, 1990 (DP/1991/38)

Audit reports (DP/1991/39)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1991/40)

7. United Nations technical cooperation activities
(Documents DP/1991/41 and Add.1-3 and DP/1991/42)

The Governing Council will have before it the annual report of the Secretary-General, which describes the work of the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development (DTCD) of the United Nations Secretariat and briefly indicates the technical cooperation activities of other entities within the United Nations Secretariat (DP/1991/41 and Add.1-3).

The main report addresses policy matters, especially those raised by the Governing Council at its thirty-seventh session and highlighted in its decision 90/37 that pertain to DTCD as the main operational arm of the Secretariat in technical cooperation. Efforts undertaken in 1990 and topics of current concern are discussed in relation to: programme issues and national execution; Africa; environment; evaluation; women; least developed countries; technical cooperation among developing countries; information support; the United Nations Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation; the comparison of delivery, costs and effectiveness; and cooperation between DTCD and UNDP.

In three addenda to the report, the Governing Council will receive: detailed information on the activities of DTCD in relation to its fields of substantive competence and its programme support services (DP/1991/41/Add.1); an overview of the work of entities and programmes other than DTCD which engage in technical cooperation activities (DP/1991/41/Add.2); and statistical information for 1990 (DP/1991/41/Add.3).

In response to paragraph 10 of its decision 90/37, the Governing Council will also have before it a report of the Administrator on the results of the efforts of UNDP and DTCD to establish a more effective division of labour and a more effective complementary relationship, and containing proposals for eliminating duplicative administrative support activities and strengthening technical support activities (DP/1991/42).

8. Other funds and programmes

Under this item the Governing Council will have before it reports on the following funds and programmes:

United Nations Capital Development Fund
(Document DP/1991/43)

In response to Governing Council decision 89/56, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF). In paragraph 3 of decision 89/56, the Governing Council decided to review the partial funding formula and the liquidity position of the Fund at its thirty-eighth session. The report reviews the operations of UNCDF in 1989 and 1990. It also provides information on the Fund's operations and financial status under the modified partial funding system.

United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration and United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development
(Documents DP/1991/44, DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/13 and DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/14)

The Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator dealing with both the above-mentioned Funds. The Council, in paragraph 3 of its decision 90/39, approved the proposal of the Administrator to entrust the management of the two Funds to a single office while maintaining the identity of both Funds and their respective operating procedures and mandates. The report describes the work accomplished by the two Funds in their new setting. The United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRFNRE) has made successful mineral discoveries in Ecuador, Honduras, Peru and the Philippines. The United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSTD) has now focused its work on five priority programmes: national science and technology strategies, technology innovation and entrepreneurship, technology information, quality control and maintenance, as well as new and renewable sources of energy.

In addition, the Council will have before it recommendations of the Administrator for the approval of two projects: Offshore Exploration for Heavy Minerals in the Beruwala and Devinuwara Areas in Sri Lanka and Exploration for Gold in the Canuck and Geita Areas, South of Lake Victoria.

United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office
(Document DP/1991/45)

In response to its decision 90/41, the Governing Council will have before it a report on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) in 1990. This report jointly covers UNSO's activities under its two mandates, namely, assistance to the 22 Sudano-Sahelian and adjacent countries in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, and to the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) and the Intergovernmental Authority for Drought and Development (IGADD) in their drought recovery and rehabilitation programmes. The report describes activities, including projects and programmes, initiated in recent years. Also featured are activities directly related to desertification control carried out by other entities within UNDP.

United Nations Development Fund for Women
(Document DP/1991/46)

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 39/125 and in response to Governing Council decision 90/42, the Council will have before it the annual report of the Administrator providing information on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). The report describes the efforts over the past two years in defining and channelling the priorities of UNIFEM to maximize catalytic impact. In response to paragraph 3 of decision 90/42, the report contains an analysis of the shorter- and longer-term priorities of the Fund. The report also provides information on the financial status of UNIFEM.

9. Senior management structure
(Documents DP/1991/50 and Add.1 and DP/1991/51)

The Governing Council, in paragraph 5 of its decision 90/45, welcomed the intention of the Administrator to engage an independent external consulting firm to make substantive recommendations on the future senior management structure of UNDP and to submit them with his comments for consideration by the Council at its thirty-eighth session. The report prepared by the consultant firm of Kienbaum & Partners, which was engaged to carry out the study, is contained in document DP/1991/50. An extended management summary of the main recommendations is contained in document DP/1991/50/Add.1.

The Administrator's comments on the report of the management consultants appear in document DP/1991/51, which also contains information concerning the internal study on decentralization undertaken in pursuance of section I B, paragraph 3, of decision 89/20.

10. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

(a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1990
(Documents DP/1991/47 and Add.1)

The Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator providing a comprehensive review of financial operations during 1990 and the financial position at the end of the year. The report includes estimates of anticipated resources and expenditures for 1991 and 1992. In addition, information is provided on cost-sharing activities, the utilization of accumulated non-convertible currencies, the placement of UNDP funds, the Operational Reserve, and the status of Special Programme Resources and the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries.

This report also provides information on the status of the Reserve for Field Accommodation and related matters, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Governing Council decision 82/30; information on support cost flexibility arrangements in accordance with paragraph 8 of decision 82/36; information on management and other services agreements entered into by the Administrator since 1987 in accordance with section IV, paragraph 4, of decision 83/5;

information, submitted through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, on trust funds established by the Administrator in 1990; and information on the status of the new ex post facto report on support costs requested in decision 90/50. In addition, the report contains the results of the Administrator's findings in response to the request made by the Council in paragraph 12 of its decision 90/48 to determine whether the Financial Regulations of the United Nations Development Programme need to be amended.

An addendum to this report includes, in accordance with paragraph 7 of decision 84/9, information concerning the net flow of contributions to and payments from the UNDP system in respect of each participating Government; a list of countries not meeting the target amounts for local office costs; and, following decision 87/1, resource planning tables for United Nations Volunteers.

(b) Revised budget estimates for 1990-1991 and budget estimates for 1992-1993
(Document DP/1991/49, vols. I and II)

The Governing Council will have before it the Administrator's revised budget estimates for the biennium 1990-1991 and his budget estimates for the biennium 1992-1993. The revised estimates for 1990-1991 include cost adjustments relating to the core budget and volume increases relating to the Office for Project Services (OPS) and the United Nations Volunteers (UNV). The budget estimates for 1992-1993 include a volume decrease in the core budget, the proposal to introduce a new programme support and development activities appropriation line, and some volume increases for OPS and UNV. The Administrator's budget estimates also include reports on Development Support Services and the extrabudgetary policy in field offices. Volume II of the budget estimates provides details of the proposed budget estimates by organizational unit. The Council will also have before it the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions commenting on the Administrator's estimates.

(c) Audit reports and other matters

Under this sub-item the Governing Council will have before it reports on the following subjects:

Audit reports
(Documents DP/1991/48 and DP/1991/52 and Add.1)

Document DP/1991/48 contains the comments of the Administrator concerning the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors on the financial statements of UNDP for the year ending 31 December 1989. In particular, it provides further information on follow-up action taken in response to Governing Council decision 90/48 and General Assembly resolution 45/235.

The note by the Administrator contained in document DP/1991/52 summarizes significant observations of the external auditors of the executing agencies on

their 1989 accounts relating to funds allocated to them by UNDP. Document DP/1991/52/Add.1 contains the audited accounts and audit reports of the executing agencies as at 31 December 1989.

Procurement from developing countries
(Document DP/1991/53)

In response to Governing Council decision 90/27, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator summarizing the findings of the analysis undertaken by the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Office (IAPSO) on the working of the price preferential system for the developing countries and containing proposals and recommendations of the Administrator.

11. Other matters

Under this item the Governing Council will have before it reports on the following subjects:

United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical cooperation expenditures
(Document DP/1990/74)

In accordance with Governing Council decision 81/34, the Council will have before it the final version of the report of the Administrator on technical cooperation expenditures of the organizations of the United Nations system in 1989. The report contains an analysis of regular and extrabudgetary expenditures of those organizations during 1989.

In view of the late availability of the requisite data necessary for the preparation of the report, the report for 1990 will be available only in draft form.

Steps taken by UNDP in response to action taken by the General Assembly and by other organs of the United Nations system
(Document DP/1991/54)

In response to Governing Council decision 90/52, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on steps taken or planned by UNDP in response to resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its forty-fifth session and by other organs of the United Nations system in 1990.

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit of interest to UNDP
(Document DP/1991/55)

The Governing Council will have before it a note by the Administrator, describing the reports prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) in 1990. Reference is made to the following JIU reports which are of special interest to UNDP:

The co-ordination of activities related to early warning of possible refugee flows (JIU/REP/90/2) (A/45/649 and Corr.1 and Add.1; A/46/134)

Extrabudgetary resources of the United Nations: towards transparency of presentation, management and reporting (JIU/REP/90/3) (A/45/797)

African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) (JIU/REP/90/4) (E/1991/8)

12. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1992 (Document DP/1991/58)

In accordance with its decision 81/37, the Governing Council will have to decide on the dates of its meetings during 1992, the subject for the policy review for the thirty-ninth session (1992) and an indicative quota for documents, and on any other matter of relevance for the conduct of future sessions.

In paragraph 6 of its decision 90/23, the Governing Council requested the Administrator, with respect to the working methods of the Council, inter alia to examine further possibilities to biennialize or even triennialize specific items. At its organizational meeting on 19 February 1991, the Governing Council took note of the proposals submitted in the report of the Administrator (DP/1991/3). To allow for a continued discussion of the possibilities for biennialization or triennialization, a report of the Administrator will give an overview of subjects regularly on the agenda of the Governing Council and contain proposals for biennialization and triennialization.

Annex

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	Global Research Programme to Develop Sustainable Rice Production Systems that Minimize the Need for Pesticides, Herbicides and Synthetic Nitrogen Fertilizers - International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)	DP/PROJECTS/REC/41
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